

Decision Log Sheet
House Joint Resolution 46 Study
Nov. 30, 2007

County Administration of School Elections

Question 1: Does the committee want legislation drafted to require that county election administrators conduct school elections?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No
☒ Other

Comments The committee postponed action on this question.

Question 2: Does the committee want legislation drafted to combine the election date for school elections and the primary election? (Only need to address if answer to Question 1 is "yes.")

- ☐ Yes
☐ No
☐ Other

Comments The committee did not address this item because it did not act on Question 1.

Funding/Resource Issues

Question 1: Does the committee want to request the drafting of legislation to address any of the funding or resource issues raised by panelists?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No
☐ If Yes, what specific changes would you like?

The committee asked staff to survey county clerks and recorders to determine the most pressing financial issues in election administration and the ideas the clerks and recorders may have for addressing those issues.

Mail Ballot Elections

Option 1: Make no changes to existing law, other than to update and clarify.

- ☐ Approve
☐ Reject

Comments _____

Option 2: Draft legislation to give counties the option of conducting all or additional elections by mail.

- ☐ Approve
- ☐ Reject
- ☐ Revise and Adopt

Comments _____

Option 3: Draft legislation to establish a pilot project that would require specified counties to conduct all elections by mail between the 2009 and 2011 legislative sessions and that also would require that certain information be gathered and reported to the 2011 Legislature.

- ☒ Approve
- ☐ Reject
- ☐ Revise and Adopt

3.a. If this option is approved, what specific information should be collected as part of the pilot project and how many counties should be included in the pilot project?

Comments The committee voted to have legislation drafted for a pilot project that would involve counties representing all geographic areas of the state, as well as a mix of rural, urban, and tribal areas. Staff will survey clerks and recorders to see which counties may be interested in participating. Information gathered in the pilot program should include turnout on Indian reservations, the use of AutoMark machines by voters with disabilities, the number of places of deposit used, and other issues raised during the panel presentation on the issue. The committee would like to determine the possible costs associated with start up of the pilot and with gathering the information and will include funding for those costs in the bill draft.

Option 4: Draft legislation to require that all elections be conducted by mail.

- ☐ Approve
- ☐ Reject
- ☐ Revise and Adopt

Comments _____

Legislation Options

If the committee approves the drafting of legislation on any of these matters, should the changes be incorporated into the bill generally clarifying and cleaning up election laws or should they be drafted as a separate bill or bills?

- ☐ Incorporated into general cleanup bill
- ☒ Drafted as separate legislation